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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
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Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor:

Melvin Harper

Application No.:

10/707,268

Art Unit:

Filed:

12/02/2003

Examiner:

Title:

Riser for Narrow Carving Skis

Attention: Office of Petitions

**Mail Stop Petition**

Commissioner for Patents

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 685 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Check Reply to Office action (identify type of reply):

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

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#### 4. CAUSE OF THE DELAY

I welcome the opportunity to respond to your "Notice to file missing parts of nonprovisional application filed under 37CFR 1.53 (b)". The letter in question was mailed to me on 02/24/2004. I did not receive this letter until I requested a faxed copy from Mr. Preston Wallace at the patent office on November 29.

Ordinarily when I receive mail from the patent office, I date stamp it, begin work on the response, and submit the response in good order and before the two month deadline. I then file the notice of action at two locations, one I scan and add to the file "Riser for Narrow Carving Skis". The other goes into my master file in a filing cabinet.

I cannot explain why I did not receive the letter. It was to have been sent to Mankato, MN to the co-inventor, Luke Harper, chief sound engineer at Two Fish Studio in that town. Mr. Harper, my son, had been advised to look out for letters from the patent office. We expected to be contacted soon after the filing on 12/02/2003. The letter in question must have been lost either in the mail, or in my son's house after it was delivered. He is quite willing to make a statement to this effect in writing if required.

For this reason, the entire delay was unintentional.

It is of note that he did receive your letter dated 11/23/04, the notice of abandonment.